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March 18th Meeting **OSHA Update**

Location: WebEx Meeting
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Fee: Free

Mr. Francisco J. Garcia, Compliance Assistance Specialist, from
DOL-OSHA's Mobile Area Office

Francisco J. Garcia holds a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Science from the University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. He began his career with the US Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as a Safety Specialist in 2010 at the Andover Area Office, where he conducted health and safety inspections of Northeastern Massachusetts of private industry and Federal Government employers. In 2020, Mr. Garcia was selected as the Compliance Assistance Specialist for the Mobile Area Office.

Please RSVP for the meeting at our website.

<https://pensacola.assp.org/>

You will be sent an invite for the WebEx meeting

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IH Corner

OSHA Inspections

A day after his inauguration, President Joe Biden signed an executive order directing the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue updated COVID-19 guidance for workplaces.

With the president's focus on workplace safety and the updated guidance posted on Jan. 29, experts say employers should expect ramped up enforcement and inspections.

The guidance is intended to help employers and workers identify the risks of being exposed to and/or contracting COVID-19 at work and help them determine appropriate control measures such as distancing and the use of face coverings.

"We've been telling our clients to expect increased OSHA enforcement and activity from the Biden administration," says Todd Logsdon, co-chair of the Workplace Safety and Catastrophe Management Practice at Fisher Phillips based in its Louisville, Kentucky office.

The regulatory agency also is assessing whether an emergency temporary standard for COVID-19 is necessary to protect workers. This would give employers specific, legal requirements on what to do to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace, says Logsdon, who co-authored a list of top changes expected under Biden.

"A temporary standard will have the force and effect of law," as opposed to the current nonbinding guidance, he says. It would expire within six months, but could likely be converted to a permanent standard, says Logsdon. Under President Donald Trump, he says, OSHA issued citations under other regulations such as respiratory protection and PPE, but not a specific COVID-standard.

Need a good IH?

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Membership Benefits

ASSP is where OSH professionals find a vibrant community, one that helps them grow professionally through education, networking and advocacy for the profession. Through our member communities, ASSP connects OSH professionals across all industries, genders, generations and ethnicities, and enables them to engage with one another on a global scale. Safety Education and Training, Safety Publications, Career Support, Safety Advocacy, Safety Standards, Student Resources, Member Recognition. If you need some hints on convincing your boss, click here. <https://www.assp.org/membership/benefits-qualifications/employer-justification>

Open Call for Speakers

We are seeking suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc. for speakers for the ASSP meetings. Please contact us with your thoughts!

Newsletter Information

Please forward this newsletter to any other in the chapter area that might be interested. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please email mario.crocetti@gmail.com

Membership Information

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If you have an opening at your organization you would like to share with the chapter and have posted for members to view, let Mario Crocetti or Matthew Parker know. Openings will be shared with ASSP Pensacola Chapter members prior to being shared to the chapter website or LinkedIn page.

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Future Meetings: Third Thursdays

Mark these dates on your calendars NOW!

April 15th, 2020

Using Movement to Decrease Low Back Strain Risk

Lori Frederic, Balance Biometrics

May 20th, 2020

Leadership

Craig Delwisch

Reminding Workers About Generator and Carbon Monoxide Risks

With the extreme cold and number of power outages across the nation, now is a good time to remind workers about the dangers of using fuel-burning generators without sufficient ventilation. Every year, workers die from CO poisoning, usually while using fuel-burning equipment, tools, compressors and pumps, gas-powered forklifts and other devices in buildings or semi-enclosed spaces without adequate ventilation.

OSHA resources include:

- [Carbon Monoxide Fact Sheet](#)
- [videos in English and Spanish](#)
- QuickCards for workers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and
- a fact sheet on [portable generator safety](#).

OSHA Releases Information on Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards for FY 2020

After months of delay, the Occupational Health & Safety Administration has [revealed](#) the Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards for Fiscal Year 2020.

Although all of the standards that were previously found on the list in 2019 stayed on the list in 2020, there were some that moved positions in the list. Ladders climbed from spot number six to number five and Respiratory Protection rose to the the third-place spot from number five.

More notable, however, is that Fall Protection - General Requirements is OSHA's most frequently cited standard for the 10th straight fiscal year.

The Top 10 were revealed during a [webinar](#) with *Safety + Health* magazine, where Patrick Kapust, deputy director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs, presented the preliminary data.

The Top 10 for FY 2020 are:

1. Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501): 5,424 violations
2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200): 3,199
3. Respiratory Protection (1910.134): 2,649
4. Scaffolding (1926.451): 2,538
5. Ladders (1926.1053): 2,129
6. Lockout/Tagout (1910.147): 2,065
7. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178): 1,932
8. Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503): 1,621
9. Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment – Eye and Face Protection (1926.102): 1,369
10. Machine Guarding (1910.212): 1,313

Tallahassee Meetings

Attention Tallahassee Members. We will be holding supplemental meetings at your end of the Chapter territory this year. We will try to do a full chapter meeting there, but at a very minimum will do a local meeting for you to facilitate local networking. If you know a location for the meeting or have an idea for a speaker or topic, contact Matthew Parker or Mario Crocetti.

Photo of the Month



In lieu of straps, don't opt for manual counterweight.

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Quote of the Month

“Safety should never be a priority. It should be a precondition.”

– Paul O’Neil

ASSP Practice Specialties Host Webinars in March

ASSP's practice specialties and common interest groups regularly host webinars and open calls, which are open to all ASSP members and nonmembers. The goal is to provide educational discussions for participants, as well as to share the benefits of these networking groups. Following are a few of the webinars slated for March 2021:

- The [Oil, Gas, Mining and Mineral Resources Practice Specialty](#) will host a webinar titled “[The Biological Basis of Complacency](#),” on Tuesday, March 9, at 3:00 p.m. CST. This webinar reviews the neurological process that leads to complacency, shares results of a survey on the scope of complacency, and reveals what OSH professionals say has actually worked for them in reducing the prevalence of complacency in their organizations.
- The [Training and Communications Practice Specialty](#) will host a webinar titled “[The Superheroes of Safety](#),” on Tuesday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. CDT. A panel of training experts shares insights to help attendees identify ways to improve their timing, tone and delivery, offers strategies for overcoming pitfalls and discusses how to complete a true needs assessment.
- The [Healthcare Practice Specialty](#) will host a webinar titled “[Ventilation, Air Filtration and Air Circulation in the Healthcare Environment: Requirements, Best Practices and Emerging Research](#),” on Wednesday, March 24, at 1:00 p.m. CDT. Two subject matter experts share their knowledge about fundamental requirements around air filtration and circulation, and discuss emerging research in air quality improvements and disease exposure prevention.
- The [Ergonomics Practice Specialty](#) will host a webinar titled “[Exoskeleton Technologies: Application, Integration and Standards](#),” on Thursday, March 25, at 11:00 a.m. CDT. This webinar discusses acceptability, deployment and sustainability of exoskeleton technologies, as well as the value they bring to various operations and standards developments in this area.
- The [Training and Communications Practice Specialty](#) will also host a webinar titled “[Effective Safety Communications: The Human Factor](#),” on Wednesday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m. CDT. Participants will learn how to improve visual, written and verbal communications across an organization by understanding the ways humans sense, detect, perceive and process information.
- “[What Can You Expect From OSHA in the New Administration?](#)” is set for noon to 1 p.m. CT on March 18. ASSP Government Affairs Committee Chair Jim Thornton, CSP, CIH, FASSP, will discuss what safety professionals should anticipate from OSHA under the Biden administration. Thornton will review expected changes and new priorities at federal agencies such as OSHA in the coming months and how they will affect organizations and their safety programs. The webinar will also explain how ASSP is advocating for its members and the safety profession. Attendees will earn 0.10 CEUs.